

City of Las Vegas

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE AGENDA

RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 1, 2005

- CALL TO ORDER

MINUTES:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS TARKANIAN and ROSS

Also Present: DEPUTY CITY MANAGER STEVE HOUCHENS, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED, and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER

- ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

MINUTES:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - meeting noticed and posted at the following locations:

City Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza, 2nd Floor Skybridge

Court Clerk's Office Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza

Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway

Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

CONSENT DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2005-57 - ABEYANCE ITEM - Updates the development standards, including parking and landscaping standards, that apply to commercial and industrial developments. Proposed by: M. Margo Wheeler, Director of Planning and Development

Fiscal Impact:

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

This bill will update the development standards, including parking and landscaping standards, that apply to commercial and industrial developments. In particular, the bill will update and clarify procedures for the granting of variances and exceptions. The bill will also relocate and consolidate a number of landscaping and parking standards for clarification and ease of administration.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Bill No. 2005-57
2. Submitted at meeting: Bill No. 2005-57 Proposed First Amendment
3. Submitted after meeting: Governing magazine article dated March 2005 regarding SUVs

MOTION:

COUNCILMAN ROSS recommended Bill 2005-57 be forwarded as a First Amendment to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

EDDIE DICHTER, Planning and Development Department, gave a brief overview. In September 2002, ordinances were approved that separated code requirements into industrial and commercial sections, including different standards for each section. A new Title 19.12 was also included, which was for landscaping and buffer requirements. The ordinance also introduced waivers to the zoning code.

Staff's goal with Bill No. 2005-57 is to clarify variances, define waivers, and define those areas that can be addressed by Planning and Development Department staff and incorporated into the staff report. The bill also combines the commercial and industrial sections, because it makes more sense and makes it easier for the development community. All the standards will apply to both sections.

Currently, in commercial sections, the setbacks require a waiver, while, in industrial sections, setbacks require a variance. This bill will require a variance application.

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MINUTES - Continued:

COUNCILMAN ROSS asked if the underlined language in the bill is the language being changed. MR. DICHTER answered in the affirmative, adding that some sections were totally removed and replaced with entirely new sections, so those would not be underlined. Also, some of the standards, such as for parking and landscaping, in the zoning code are being placed where they belong. This will clarify and simplify matters so that people can more easily find certain specifications. Additionally, the sign code will include all the illustrations in the back of the text.

ROBERT M. AGNEW, 2120 Stonecroft, asked if any changes would be made to the parking standards to accommodate larger vehicles, such as SUVs. MR. DICHTER answered that this bill does not address those standards. COUNCILMAN ROSS said that MR. AGNEW brings up a good point. MR. AGNEW indicated that he read an article in Governing magazine about communities that are increasing the size of parking spaces to accommodate SUVs. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN asked MR. AGNEW to forward copies of the article to all the Council members.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED recommended a first amendment that addresses a couple of wall and fencing issues. Pages 5-7 include simplifying language about walls and fences, indicating that there are limitations on the height of walls adjacent to commercial or industrial zoning districts. The language also gives staff more flexibility to allow contrasting colors, as opposed to only allowing contrasting materials. It will also allow staff to require decorative caps or cut outs. Landscaping requirements are also included where there are multiple walls. The amendment replaces Figure 21. He recommended approval with a first amendment.

No one appeared in opposition.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

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DEPARTMENT: CITY ATTORNEY

DIRECTOR: BRADFORD R. JERBIC

CONSENT DISCUSSION

SUBJECT:

NEW BILL:

Bill No. 2005-62 - Amends Ordinance No. 5756, relating to the annexation of property, to correct the legal description contained therein (General Location - northeast corner of Centennial Parkway and Kevin Way). Proposed by: Bradford R. Jerbic, City Attorney

Fiscal Impact:

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Ordinance No. 5756 was adopted earlier this year for the purpose of annexing property generally located at the northeast corner of Centennial Parkway and Kevin Way. The legal description of the property in that ordinance was incomplete. This bill will correct the description of the property.

RECOMMENDATION:

This bill should be submitted to a Recommending Committee for review, hearing and recommendation to the City Council for final action.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Bill No. 2005-62

MOTION:

COUNCILMAN ROSS recommended Bill 2005-62 be forwarded to the Full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN concurred.

MINUTES:

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing open.

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY STEED explained that Bill 2005-62 involves a correction to an annexation adopted earlier in the year, which should have included a ten-foot section that was left out in the legal description. He recommended approval.

No one appeared in opposition.

COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN declared the Public Hearing closed.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

MINUTES:

None.

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THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk
November 7, 2005